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1. As of July 1953 the population of North Korea could be divided into the following three groups:

- a. Communist and pro-Communist group, composed of Korean Labor Party members, government officials, North Korean army personnel, and their families.
- b. Anti-Communist group, composed of liberals and people who had enjoyed a higher standard of living prior to Communist control, such as landowners and businessmen.
- c. Neutral group, composed of intellectuals, craftsmen, students, and peasants.

2. The Communists and pro-Communists far outnumbered the anti-Communists, because many of the latter had fled North Korea with the retreating United Nations forces in December 1950; and those anti-Communists who had remained in North Korea were "weeded out." The largest group, however, were the neutrals, who were actually opportunists. At least 80 percent of the total North Korean population, which was between six and seven million, was composed of pro-Communists and neutrals.

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